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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, Applicant is hereby submitting the following references which have been cited in the examination of a corresponding German Application. A copy of the German Examination Report is enclosed.

- DE-PS 617 815 is a German Patent Office Publication having a patent date of May 5, 1934 and the inventor is Moemil Papendick. This reference describes a rescue device for the crew of sunken ships, in particular submarines. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant.

- DE 1 506 197 is a German Patent Office Publication having a publication date of May 6, 1971. This reference describes a method for rebuilding the hull of a ship to increase the tonnage of the ship. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant. However this reference corresponds to U.S. Patent 3,397,663, copy enclosed.

- DE 74 24 663 is a German Patent Office Publication having a publication date of December 23, 1976. The inventor is Ulrich Gabler. This reference describes an underwater craft, in particular a submarine with at least one emergency vehicle rescue chamber. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant.

- DE 200 768 is a German Patent Office Publication having a publication date of July 30, 1908. The inventors are Moemil Alwardt and Hans Bittinger. This reference describes a holding device for storing life rafts on the top of submarines. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant.

- DE 535 593 is a German Patent Office Publication having a publication date of October 13, 1931. The inventor is Angelo Belloni. This reference describes a device for leaving a sunken submarine, with a plurality of chambers and hatches. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant.

- DE 810 586 is a German Patent Office Publication having an application date of August 13, 1951. The inventor is Dietrich Peper. This reference describes emergency evacuation equipment for humans where the evacuation equipment is arranged on a cavity of the submarine and the emergency equipment is able to protect all of the persons on board from the pressures under the water. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant.

- DE 29 38 319 is a German Patent Office Publication having a publication date of April 16, 1981. This reference describes a twin-hull water craft in which the two hulls are disposed parallel to, and spaced apart from, each other and rigidly connected by means of tubular struts. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant. Applicant notes that this reference corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,411,213, copy enclosed.

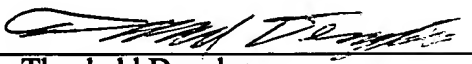
- FR 2 513 962 is a French Patent Office Publication having a publication date of May 11, 1983. This reference describes a submersible life boat equipped with ballast means and situated inside an immersed tunnel provided at the front of a ship. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Applicant. However this reference corresponds to United Kingdom Patent Application GB 2 108 054, copy enclosed.

- U.S. 2,375,299 is a U.S. Patent Office Publication having a patent date of May 8,

1945. This reference describes an apparatus for escaping from submerged vessels.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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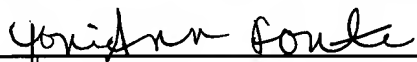
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>3,397,663</u>	<u>Aug. 20, 1968</u>	<u>Ito</u>			<u>March 9, 1967</u>
	<u>4,411,213</u>	<u>Oct. 25, 1983</u>	<u>Laukien</u>			<u>Aug. 28, 1980</u>
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>DE 617 815</u>	<u>Aug. 8, 1935</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 1 506 197</u>	<u>May 6, 1971</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 74 24 663</u>	<u>Dec. 23, 1976</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 200 768</u>	<u>July 30, 1908</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 535 593</u>	<u>Sept. 24, 1931</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 810 586</u>	<u>July 8, 1949</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>DE 29 38 319</u>	<u>April 16, 1981</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>FR 81 18996</u>	<u>April 8, 1983</u>	<u>France</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>GB 2 108 054</u>	<u>May 11, 1983</u>	<u>United Kingdom</u>			<u>Yes</u>

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